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December 15, 2005

Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Surface Transportation Board
1925 "K" St. NW
Washington, D. C., 20423

Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to AB 33 (225X), which is the proposed abandonment of Union Pacific rail corridor between Mason City and Thornton in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

We have been granted the right to negotiate to acquire this corridor for the purpose of establishing a trail in an interim period prior to possible reactivation of rail service.

We have not been able to finalize negotiations for this acquisition and therefore are requesting that a second period of 180 days be granted for this purpose. We believe that the Union Pacific Railroad concurs in the granting of this additional time in which to conclude these negotiations.

We are forwarding a copy of this request to the Union Pacific offices in Omaha and Chicago and are asking them to notify you of this concurrence.

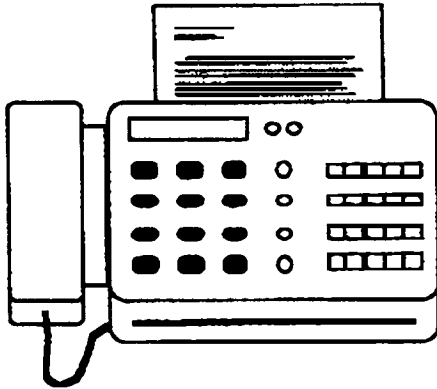
We thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Tom F. Neenan

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